Selection of Income-tax Officers.

367. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had fixed the salaries attached to all the posts in the Income-tax Department before selecting the candidates for the posts;

(b) on what date or dates did the Government fix the salaries;

(c) when did the Government select the candidates for the posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The salary of the two Income-tax Officers was fixed before selecting the candidates; and that of the Deputy Commissioner at the time of making the appointment.

(b) 30th May 1933.

(c) Deputy Commissioner—30th May 1933. Income-tax Officers—20th July 1933.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for not fixing the salary of the Deputy Commissioner before making the appointment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no special reason for that.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Government give an opportunity to put in applications, considering the salary which will be attached to that post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What were the reasons for doing it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no idea to recruit from outside service. Generally in such cases no applications are called for.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it in the mind of the Government, after finding out the individual to fix the pay that suits him?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think it was so.

Communal representation in the Income-tax Department.

368. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are not aware that some communities are not adequately represented in the Government service;

(b) whether the Government in filling up all the posts in the Income-tax Department, have ascertained by advertising and calling for applications that there are qualified candidates in those communities which are not adequately represented in the

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